

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WARRIOR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Etowah Co., Ala.,

October 17, 18 and 19, 1889.

Officers of the Association.

ELD. ALLEN DORMAN,	.....	MODERATOR.
SAUL J. COX,	.....	CLERK.
J. N. SMITH,	.....	TREASURER.

*The next session will be held with Liberty Hill Baptist Church,
Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1890.*

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read Letters.
2. Elect Officers.
3. Call for Correspondence.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Appoint Committees—
 - (1) On Devotion.
 - (2) On Deceased Ministers.
 - (3) On Sabbath Schools.
 - (4) On Nominations.
 - (5) On Missions
 - (6) On Temperance.
 - (7) On Education.
 - (8) On Ministerial Education.
 - (9) On Finance.
6. Appoint Correspondence to sister associations.
7. Appoint Messengers to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
8. Call for report of Executive Committee.
9. Call for report of Missionary
10. Call for report of Committees.
11. Call for report of Treasurer.
12. Provide for printing Minutes.
13. Elect Executive Committee
14. Miscellaneous Business
15. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Warrior River Baptist Association convened with Mt. Pisgah Baptist church, Thursday, October 17, 1889.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. M. Cole. Theme, Teaching. Text, John 3:2. Recess and refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.

1 p. m. The body was called to order by the Moderator, A. Dorman, who offered prayer.

Letters were read by Elders W. M. Cole, H. E. Harris and Dr. P. G. Aldridge. (See enrollment for churches and messengers.)

Completed the organization by re-electing Eld. A. Dorman, Moderator, and S. J. Cox, Clerk.

Adopted order of business of last session.

Called for Correspondence and enrolled from Etowah Association, Brethren J. D. Pettitt, H. E. Harris, J. A. May, J. T. Chadwick and W. A. Culbertson.

Tabled letter from Mt. Pleasant church.

Received the following churches:

Mulberry—On recommendation from Cullman Association.

Friendship—On evidence of troubles settled.

Warrior Creek—On evidence of troubles settled.

The hand of welcome was extended by the Moderator in behalf of the body, to the messengers from the new churches.

Appointed the following committees:

Devotional Exercises—William Dobbs, James Carnes, H. Boyd and the deacons of Mt. Pisgah church.

Deceased Ministers—E. K. Head, William Harris, Thomas Jenkins.

Sabbath Schools—J. N. Smith, H. W. Head, P. H. Ratliff.

Nominations—P. G. Aldridge, W. L. Ellison, J. T. Campbell.

Missions—W. M. Cole, W. L. Ellison, W. B. Sanders.

Finance—H. W. Head, J. F. Morris, W. J. Chambers.

Education—T. J. Chamblee, P. M. Adams, W. D. Debter.

Temperance—Jesse Brown, J. W. Crumbley, S. Hopkins.

Ministerial Education—W. M. Cole, P. G. Aldridge, J. C. Buckner.

On motion, took letter from Mt. Pleasant church from the table and returned same to the messengers.

Set 9 a. m. for meeting and 4 p. m. for adjournment during the session.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 18.

9 a. m. The body convened at appointed time. Prayer by H. W. Head.

Read and approved Minutes of first day's proceedings.

Elected J. N. Smith Treasurer pro tem, to report when called for.

Appointed correspondents as follows:

Etowah—(Tuesday before second Sabbath in September, 1890,) W. J. Harris, James Carnes, P. G. Aldridge, Elders A. Dorman and J. Brown.

Sulphur Spring—E. K. Head, E. M. Bowerman, T. J. Chamblee.

Cullman—(Meets with Good Hope, Friday before second Sunday in October, 1890), F. M. Absher, E. K. Head, Eld. Jesse Brown.

Cahaba Valley—W. A. Alexander, L. T. Murphree, Eld. J. C. Buckner.

Canaan—J. T. Campbell, James Carnes, George Mitchell.

State Convention—(To be held at Selma, November 8, 1889), Eld. W. M. Cole, Dr. P. G. Aldridge.

(See reports of committees.)

Adjourned for preaching. (See Devotional Exercises.) Recess and refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. The body re-assembled. Prayer by Eld. H. E. Harris. Received and adopted report of Treasurer, authorizing Clerk to strike balance sheet.

Elected A. F. Whitley, W. B. Sanders, P. G. Aldridge, Robert Steel, J. N. Smith, Executive Committee for ensuing associational year.

Received and adopted report on Sabbath Schools.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Saturday. Prayer by Eld. J. D. Pettit.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 19.

9 a. m. Association re-assembled. Prayer by W. M. Cole.

Set time for missionary sermon at 11 a. m.

Received and adopted report of Executive Committee.

Received and adopted report on Temperance.

Received and adopted report on Missions and of Missionary combined.

Adjourned to 2 p. m. Heard missionary sermon. Collections, \$12.50, for Foreign and Home Missions. Dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. The body met at the appointed time. Prayer by J. C. Buckner.

Took up collection for Sister George Bayne amounting to \$8.10. (See Resolutions.)

On motion, the pastors were authorized to appoint one member of their respective churches to collect the amounts asked per capita in resolution No. 1.

Received and adopted report on Education.

Received and adopted report on Ministerial Education.

Adopted report on Nominations. (See resolution No. 2.)

Adopted report on Finance.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$10 of Minute fund for ser-

vices, the balance to be used for printing and distributing the Minutes.

Elected J. N. Smith Treasurer.

NOTICE.—There will be an amendment offered, at the next meeting of this association, to the Sixth Article of the Constitution authorizing the election of a Treasurer.

Read and adopted Minutes.

Adjourned to meet with Liberty Hill Baptist church, Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1890. Prayer by J. A. May.

ALLEN DORMAN, MODERATOR.

SAMUEL J. COX, Clerk.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Liberty—George Mitchell, Daniel Bailey, James Carnes, J. F. Morris, Silas Lowery.

Harmony—W. K. Cole, W. L. Ellison, A. Dorman, J. C. Dorman, J. D. Nix, William Dobbs.

Mt. Carmel—J. P. Bellew, W. J. Blaylock, L. T. Murphree.

Antioch—J. J. Herring, J. N. Smith, J. T. Campbell.

Mt. Tabor—P. H. Ratliff, T. J. Chamblee, S. J. Cox.

Blountsville—W. M. Cole, H. W. Head.

New Prospect—Henry Wilson, W. D. Debter, Joseph Johnson.

Austin Creek—E. M. Bowerman, E. K. Head, D. M. Fowler, James Ratliff, E. B. Head.

Pine Grove—J. W. Crumbley, J. M. Pass, J. W. Roberts.

White Plains—Not represented.

Dry Creek—Not represented.

Big Warrior—R. H. Harden, J. R. Marsh.

Sardis—T. J. Brazell, J. E. Mizell, S. L. Rogers.

Macedonia—Y. B. Rhodes, J. W. Phillips, W. L. Hopkins.

Mt. Pisgah—James Temples, W. J. Harris, W. A. Alexander.

Bethel—W. B. Sanders, Jesse Brown, H. H. Boyd.

Brooksville—J. W. Jones, P. G. Aldridge.

Liberty Hill—J. W. Bryan, W. J. Chambers.

PETITIONARY CHURCHES.

Mulberry—F. M. Absher.

Friendship—G. R. Williams, R. W. Murdock.

Warrior Creek—E. Woodall, E. G. Mayze.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: We find that we are called upon to record the death of Bro. Gideon Shaw, a licentiate, who died in August, 1889. He was a very promising young man, well respected, much loved and esteemed for his devotion to the cause of Christ. We would only say, "Not ours, but thy will be done, O God."

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. HEAD, Ch'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee submit the following: Out of the twenty-three churches represented only four report Sunday-schools, while others report Sunday-schools in their vicinities but not under the direct control of the church.

We would urge the importance of Sunday-school work, since it is authorized by the teachings of the Bible, and, as the church is responsible for the teaching of the Word, we should not entrust such a work to the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. SMITH, Ch'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

As the use of ardent spirits often causes trouble in churches, we would therefore ask the churches to use every means in their power to crush the evil and remove it from among us. The laws of the land are somewhat against the liquor traffic. Let us see to it, as churches, that the laws of God are enforced, and that the demon of intemperance may be driven from our midst as speedily as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE BROWN, Ch'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee takes pleasure in reporting that the interest and progress of education in our bounds is on the increase, hence a greater demand for better teachers. We find false teachers flooding our land, setting forth the traditions of men, and we must meet them with a better cultivated intellect. We recommend that our children be thoroughly educated, and urge that the ALABAMA BAPTIST and other sound literature be placed in our families.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. CHAMBLEE, Ch'n.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We met March 23, 1889, and elected Eld. E. M. Bowerman to supply the destitute parts of our Association. We appointed E. K. Head to confer with Bro. Bowerman. He reported that Bro. Bowerman would accept upon terms of pay for services rendered. We then called upon the churches to sustain said missionary and most of them responded.

We met again on May 12th, and agreed with Bro. Bowerman upon terms of \$1.00 per day for services actually rendered.

We met last on October 17th, heard report of missionary (see his report), and issued warrant on Treasurer for balance due.

Respectfully submitted,

I. T. STEPHENS, Ch'n.

REPORT ON MISSIONS AND OF MISSIONARY.

Your committee submit the following: We find from reports of Executive Committee and Missionary that we have had very little mission work done during the past associational year.

There are many localities within our bounds which need the gospel, as it is in Christ. We would urge this body to take steps, and try to devise plans to secure the means by which we can have the gospel preached to each destitute locality.

As a corroborative statement to the above, see the annexed report:

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. COLE, Ch'n.

Your Missionary submits the following report: Commenced labor about July 1, 1889; days of labor, 53; miles traveled, 511; families visited, 114; prayers, 74; sermons preached, 58; baptized, 40; received by letter, 14; received by recantation, 4; churches organized, 1; churches visited, 16; sermons preached to the destitute, 30.

I find the field of labor too extensive for one man to work up in three months. I find many communities where the Truth should be preached as it is in our blessed Lord. Especially is this true where there is no Baptist church. I would recommend that each union district employ its own missionary to preach within its bounds, or one man employed for a longer time.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BOWERMAN, Missionary.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that Liberty Hill be accorded the next meeting of this association, to commence on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1890; Eld. Jesse Brown to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. E. M. Bower-

man, alternate; Eld. James P. Smith to preach the missionary sermon, and W. J. Chambers, alternate.

We further recommend that Eld. W. M. Cole be appointed by the body to open the discussion of the report on Temperance, and Eld. G. B. Carnes on Missions.

The time and places designed for the next Union meetings are for the first district at Mt. Carmel, on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1890, and for the second district at Macedonia, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. ALDRIDGE, Ch'n.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee report that we find no contributions for this object. This is not as it should be, from the fact that the future welfare and progress of our denomination depends greatly upon an educated ministry. We have plenty of young native talent in our ministry which needs only to be developed by a liberal education in order to be able to meet and defeat error in whatever form it may be presented. Without such a ministry it is only a question of time when we shall lose our prestige in this country. In order to secure such a ministry each church is asked to donate 10 cents per capita for her membership, and the pastors of the respective churches are asked to collect the same and pay over to the Treasurer, subject to the orders of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. COLE, Ch'n.

PREACHING.

There was preaching as follows:

11 a. m. Thursday, by W. M. Cole. Text, John 3:2.

7 p. m. Thursday, by H. E. Harris. Text, 2 Cor. 6:1. Exhortation by W. S. Hopkins.

11 a. m. Friday, by J. D. Pettit. Text, Matt. 6:10. Exhortation by J. A. May.

11 a. m. Saturday, by E. M. Bowerman. Text, 1 Cor. 3:9

2 p. m. Saturday, by J. B. Carnes and J. W. Crumbley. Text, —.

11 a. m. Sunday, by J. A. May. Text, Rom. 14:7.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. P. Smith.....	Liberty, Ala.
E. M. Bowerman.....	Blountsville, "
John Bullard.....	" "
W. M. Cole.....	" "
James Fields.....	" "
Jesse Brown.....	Reed Brake, "
W. W. Salyers.....	Tidmore, "
Allen Dorman.....	Balm, "
G. B. Carnes.....	Oneonta, "
Powell Patterson.....	" "
J. H. Dunlap.....	Gum Springs, "
J. W. Crumbley.....	Oneonta, "
D. P. Carr.....	Boaz, "

LICENTIATES.

J. J. Herring.....	Liberty, Ala.
H. H. Boyd.....	Reed Brake, "
H. G. B. Bynum.....	Wynnvill, "
E. Hatley.....	Chepultepec, "
S. J. Cox.....	Walnut Grove, "
H. W. Head.....	" "
J. H. Wadsworth.....	Chepultepec, "
W. S. Hopkins.....	McClarty, "
J. W. Phillips.....	" "

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REPORT OF TREASURER, PRO TEM, In Account with Warrior River Association.		Warrior River Association.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Promiscuous.
Oct. 23, '88.	DR.					
" "	To collections for J. Y. Bayne	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 7 85
" "	To collections to send messenger to Southern Baptist Convention.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 35
" "	To State Mission fund by various churches.....	.....	24 25	.....	.....	.....
" "	To amount by churches.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....
Oct. 21, '88.	To collections	.....	.....	.....	11 70	.....
April, '89.	To amount by Antioch church.....	3 75	5 00	.....	1 40	.....
May, " "	" Harmony ".....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " "	" New Prospect church.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " "	" Mt. Carmel ".....	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
June, " "	" Bethel ".....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " "	" Mt. Pisgah ".....	4 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
July, " "	" Liberty ".....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oct., " "	" Big Warrior ".....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aug., " "	" Austin's Creek ".....	5 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....
" " "	" Liberty Hill ".....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oct., " "	" Blountsville ".....	2 00	.....	1 15	1 15	.....
" " "	" Mt. Tabor ".....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " "	" Austin's Creek ".....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....
(For the year 1890.)		25 00
Oct 19.	To Minute funds.....
Total.....		\$43 50	\$31 75	\$ 1 15	\$26 25	\$ 42 20
Grand Total.....		\$ 144 85

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Oct. 20, 1888.	By amount paid J. Y. Bayne.....	\$ 7 85
Oct. 20, 1888.	By amount paid J. A. May.....	4 55
Oct. 20, 1888.	By amount sent Treasurer State Mission Board.....	19 70
1889.	By amount paid E. M. Bowerman.....	36 05
Oct. 19, 1889.	By amount paid S. J. Cox, clerk.....	25 00
Total paid out.....		\$93 15
Leaving balance on hand		\$51 70

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Contributions.			
	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Blountsville.....	\$ 1 50	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$. . .
Sardis.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Brooksville.....	75	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove.....	75	1 50	.....	.....
Liberty.....	2 25	15 00	2 50	2 50
New Prospect.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Mt Tabor.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Liberty Hill.....	1 25	5 00	.....	.....
Harmony.....	1 45	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel.....	1 70	.....	.....	.....
Antioch.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Austin's Creek.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Friendship.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Mulberry.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Big Warrior.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Warrior Creek.....	75	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Public contributions.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$25 00	\$21 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. HEAD, Ch'n Com.

STATISTICS OF WARRIOR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1889.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Increased by					Membersh'p last Reported.	Decreased by					Present Membersh'p.	Preach'g Sabbaths.
				Baptism	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.							
Antioch.....	J. A. May.....	C. M. Jamerson.....	Brooksville.....	83	15	6	..	2	1	101	8					
Austin Creek.....	W. J. Chambers.....	A. R. Head.....	Jay.....	84	21	4	1	2	1	107	1					
Blountsville.....	J. A. May.....	L. T. Stephens.....	Blountsville.....	27	14	14	1	3	..	56	4					
Brooksville.....	Jesse Brown.....	P. G. Aldridge.....	Brooksville.....	12	..	2	1	..	..	14	4					
Bethel.....	Jesse Brown.....	W. B. Sanders.....	Wynnvill.....	48	..	7	1	5	3	48	1					
Big Warrior.....	E. M. Boverman.....	R. H. Harden.....	Tidmore.....	10	3	4	..	1	1	15	2					
Friendship.....	Jesse Brown.....	V. B. Hunt.....	Friendsb'p.....	4	4	58	42	6	1	73	2					
Harmony.....	W. Y. Adams.....	W. L. Ellison.....	Walnut Grove.....	107	3	13	5	1	1	116	1					
Liberty.....	J. A. May.....	F. M. Carnes.....	Lowery.....	110	16	5	..	12	8	81	2					
Mt. Tabor.....	J. A. May.....	T. J. Chamblee.....	Gum Springs.....	60	27	4	2	..	..	61	2					
Mt. Carmel.....	J. C. Buckner.....	J. M. Jeffcoats.....	Murphree's Valley.....	61	3	1	1	2	1	61	2					
Mulberry.....	J. H. Dunlap.....	J. M. Jeffcoats.....	Gun Springs.....	51	9	14	5	..	..	80	2					
Macedonia.....	A. Dorman.....	W. D. Deber.....	McClary.....	46	..	..	..	..	1	16	1					
New Prospect.....	James P. Smith.....	E. M. Cox.....	Brooksville.....	73	12	7	1	..	..	44	2					
Liberty Hill.....	E. M. Boverman.....	M. C. Crumbley.....	Hulkah.....	19	..	..	..	1	..	18	4					
Pine Grove.....	J. C. Buckner.....	T. J. Brazelle.....	Oneonta.....	74	..	..	..	24	4	45	3					
Sardis.....	J. H. Horton.....	R. B. Mayze.....	Boaz.....	..	..	7	..	..	..	25	1					
Warrior Creek.....	J. A. Oden.....	J. Nix.....	Strawberry.....	42	3	..	..	2	1	41	3					
Mt. Pisgah.....	J. C. Buckner.....	J. Nix.....	Nix.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.....				910	130	86	81	108	21	711	46	..				